

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the length of the Abstract as being longer than 150 words. The amended Abstract is less than 150 words.

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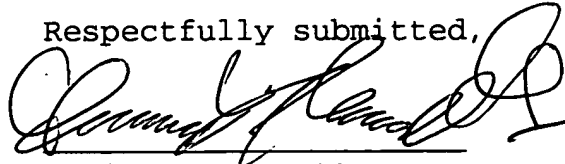
The Examiner has objected to the informal drawings, citing form 948 in paper no. 3. Form 948 in paper no. 3 was dated June 13, 2003. The formal drawings were mailed on August 15, 2003. The formal drawings should therefore be of record but may not have been before the Examiner at the time of the office action. The formal drawings are believed to be in condition of allowance.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the original base claim. Claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 are now in allowable form.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 6, 9, and 14-20 are allowed.

Reconsideration of the referenced application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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